- Participation of tourism exhibition like WTM, ITB, EIBTM, BIT, FITUR etc.
- Promotion of incentive, conference and convention tourism.
- Holding of PATA 2002 in India.

**Development of Tourism in Rajasthan**

3349. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of foreign tourists who visited Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) the year-wise details of foreign exchange earned through tourists during the above period;

(c) whether Government have chalked out any "Special Plan to improve Tourism" in the State during 2001-2002 and if so, what allocations made therefor; and

(d) the details of the plan formulated {District-wise) so as to attract tourist from all over the World?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) The number of visits of foreign tourists to Rajasthan during the last three years is as follows:

| Year | Foreign Tourist Visits |
|---|---|
| 1998 | 591369 |
| 1999 | 562685 |
| 2000 | 623100 |

(b) The estimated foreign exchange earnings through tourism for the country as a whole for the last three years are as follows:

| Year | Foreign Exchange Earnings (Rs. crores) |
|---|---|
| 1998 | 12,150 |
| 1999 | 12,951 |
| 2000 | 14,238 |

(c) The development of tourism in any State/UT is mainly undertaken by the State Government/UT Administration. However, the Department of Tourism, Government of India, provides financial assistance to the State Governments/

UTs for projects/schemes prioritised every year in consultation with them. During the year 2001-2002, 15 projects for an amount of Rs. 355.40 lakhs have been identified for financial assistance for the development of tourism in the State of Rajasthan.

(d) To attract tourists from all over the world. Department of Tourism, Government of Rajasthan has planned to organise 14 Fairs & Festivals in 11 districts in the State during the year 2001 -2002.

**Development of Tourism in Andhra Pradesh**

3350. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme/programme for the development of Tourism Sector in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of funds allocated scheme-wise for promotion and development of tourism in the country during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the details of the physical target achieved scheme-wise under the Ninth Plan so far?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Development and promotion of tourist places/centres is primarily undertaken by the States/Union Territories themselves including the State Government of Andhra Pradesh. However, Department of Tourism, Government of India, provides Central financial assistance on the basis of projects prioritised annually in consultation with them.

(b) For the year 2001-2002, 20 projects amounting to Rs. 632.00 lakhs have been prioritised for development and promotion of tourism in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) During the first four years of Ninth Five year Plan *i.e.* from 1997-98 to 2000-2001,1358 projects amounting to Rs. 309.82 crores have been sanctioned for various States/UT Administrations in the country, as per details given in Statement-I *(See* below). A list showing Scheme-wise allocation and actual expenditure for first four years of Ninth Plan (Plan Expenditure) is annexed in Statement-II. *(See* below)

(d) Execution and implementation of the project sanctioned is the responsibility of the State Government/UT Administration concerned.